

Central Hudson Valley Chapter
of the
**American Guild of
Organists**

Newsletter – October 2017

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Letter from the Dean

I want to share some wonderful news: our Chapter membership has risen to 70 members – surpassing our previous peak number of members back in 2005 when we held the Regional Convention!

Focus on Young and New Organists: At our September Board Meeting we agreed that one of our focuses this year would be on youth and on new organists. To that end we are working on several new programs and projects. On September 17th Susan LaGrande held “Pedals, Pipes, and Piano: A Young Person’s Introduction to the Organ” at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Beacon. In that venue she has a tracker pipe organ, an Allen electric organ, and a grand piano all within a few feet of each other. The workshop was well-received, and Susan hopes to give another workshop later in the year. If you have piano students, sixth-grade and up, who might be interested in attending, please contact Susan. If you want to lead your own workshop, I know she would be happy to share her insights and materials with you.

Vassar student organists: We have continued and enlarged on the connection with Vassar College organ students started by Eric Hepp a few years ago. I have been in touch with Gail Archer, who has twelve college organ students this year, and she will be encouraging them to form connections with us. For the second year we have a student liaison to the Board. This year Michael Pennington will attend Board Meetings and help us build connections between our Chapter and organ students at Vassar. In my email to Gail, I said that as a Chapter, we will offer her students:

- information about, and transportation to off-campus organ-related events in our area.
- opportunities to try out and possibly practice on a variety of organs in the greater Poughkeepsie area.
- opportunities to play preludes/postludes during services on a variety of organs when Gail feels the student is ready and would benefit from the experience.
- opportunities to sub at local churches if Gail feels they are ready and would benefit from the experience.
- opportunities to observe and to ask questions of local organists working in the field.
- opportunities to perform alone or with other students in some of the local church's concert series - of which there are many.

I concluded, "The future of organ playing is in our youth, and we would like to welcome your students to the area and be of assistance to them during the coming year." Gail responded warmly to my note and said that she looks forward to working with us.

Our Spuds 'n Sundaes program will take place on Sunday, January 21st at Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park. Our regular event (sumptuous signature foods and great social time) will be expanded to include a concert by John Baratta on the school's Gus Pratt Memorial Organ, short performances by the high school organists, and a chance for our members to test drive the instrument.

This fall we are inaugurating a "**League of Distinguished Service**" as a way of preserving and honoring the legacy of contributions to organ and choral music in the valley made over the decades by some of our long-term members. Each year several members will be inducted into this League and honored at one of our concerts. Our first induction will take place on Saturday, October 7th at 7:30 PM at the "Bach to Broadway" concert at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. Nominations of people to this League are welcome!

Chapter Collaborations with regional musical and educational groups continue this year and include:

New York Theater Organ Society/CHVAGO collaboration:

- The Third Annual "Bach to Broadway" concert, (see above)
- January Spuds 'n Sundaes concert and crawl (see above)
- Saturday, November 11th Organ Crawl and field trip to the Ziegenfelder house organ – see our calendar for more info.

Eastern New York Chapter (ENYAGO)/CHVAGO collaboration:

- Underwriting of WMHT's "Pipe Dreams" program, including announcements about our chapters at the beginning and end of each program. The two chapters are also now listing on our calendars and inviting members to programs that might be of interest to members of both chapters. Future collaborations may include joint programs. Stay tuned!

Vassar College, Cappella Festiva, St. John's Lutheran Church, the Bruderhof Communities, and CHVAGO are collaborating to present a two-day celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

- **October 28 & 29: Reformation Concerts and Panel Discussion.** Saturday at The Mount, Esopus: Concert at 2:30 PM; Sunday at Vassar College Chapel: Panel at 3:00 PM; Concert at 4:30 PM. Concert program at both venues: Mendelssohn *Psalm 43*; Bach *Cantata 80 'Ein Feste Burg'*; newly commissioned '*Reconciliation Cantata*' by **James Fitzwilliam** – a 9-movement cantata based on hymn tunes by Martin Luther and texts by the Bruderhof Community's Christoph Arnold; selected settings of Luther's '*Ein Feste Burg*' performed Saturday at the Mount by James, and Sunday on the Vassar Gress-Miles Organ by **Jonathan Hall**; Christine Howlett, Choral Conductor. Free of charge. Advance reservations are requested for the Saturday concert only.

I am very excited about everything that is taking place this season. I encourage you to attend as many of our events as you can and to tell us what programs you would like us to present.

Sincerely,



Laura Ramsey Russell, DMA
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Membership News

Welcome to Anthony Rispo, who has recently changed his chapter affiliation from the NYC chapter back to CHVAGO after an absence of several years. His contact information is:

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Mahopac, NY 10541
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List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application that they are accepting new organ students. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

Meredith Baker	914-261-0028	Boyd Herforth	973-851-5192
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Timothy Lewis	914-949-2874
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application that they will serve as substitute organists. Please contact them directly if you would like more information. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	Eric Hepp	845-489-2625
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298
Nancy Brown	845-373-9122	Wesley Joseph	845-849-0104
Luca Cantone	703-554-5906	Timothy Lewis	914-949-2874
Greg Citarella	845-297-7693	Tom Liotta	845-355-2488
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Glenn May	908-890-4628
James Fitzwilliam	845-849-3606	Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307
Neil Gould	845-452-7857	Joanne Reed	845-361-3474
Janice Grace	917-882-9393	Dillon L. Streifeneder	845-532-2488
Iouri Grichetchkine	917-974-6231	John Ward	917-657-4614
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119		

Membership Questions

Please address all questions regarding membership and ONCARD to our Membership Chairman, Craig Williams. His phone number is 845-239-2262 and his e-mail address is craigwilliams@hvc.rr.com.

Don't Forget Our Facebook Page!

Our chapter has two Facebook pages: one is for attracting the general public to our events and interests, and has the title "American Guild of Organists, Central Hudson Valley Chapter." The other page is for our members only; its content is privileged and private, and it has the title "CHVAGO (Closed Group)." There is new content on both pages right now. The public page has photos of the recent Choral Evensong at Christ Church. The private (Closed) page has our latest membership roster in PDF form. You may download this file or simply preview it, but no one who is not an accepted member of the group can see it, so you don't have to worry about your private information being disseminated all over the internet.

Our public page is a great place to post events, photos, questions of general interest, links to YouTube videos, etc. This is where we want to refer people if they want to get to know us as a chapter. Our private page is where we can communicate with other members about chapter business, not for general consumption.

If you have any questions about either of these Facebook pages, please contact Susan LaGrande.

Deadline for Next Newsletter

We are always glad to receive input for the chapter newsletter in the form of calendar items, reviews of recent concerts and events, biographies, letters, photographs, etc. In order to make sure these submissions can be processed in a timely fashion, please make sure they are

received by the 23rd of each month. However, material such as calendar items may be submitted at any time; even if the material may not make it into the printed newsletter, it can be quickly posted on our web site at www.chvago.org.

You may submit newsletter or web site material by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given above. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in November 2017, is October 23.

Editor's Corner

This newsletter is published by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The editor is:

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Position Openings

Editor's Note - Hiring institutions are encouraged to check references from applicants' previous employers. It should not be assumed that applicants who learn of position openings via these listings are endorsed by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Position openings are listed without charge for three months unless an extension is requested. If you would like to place a listing, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496 or email SUSANEL2@OPTONLINE.NET.

Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, this list includes only the type of position and the hiring institution. Complete information about positions is available on our web site at www.chvago.org, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR - (Full-Time)

MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (POST CHAPEL) - WEST POINT, NY

9/1/2017

MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

FISHKILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - FISHKILL, NY

Filled 9/20/2017

CLASSROOM MUSIC TEACHER - (Part-Time)

ST. JOHN SCHOOL - GOSHEN, NY

8/30/2017

CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - FISHKILL, NY

Filled 9/29/2017

TENOR SECTION LEADER - (Part-Time)

ST. MARY'S IN TUXEDO EPISCOPAL CHURCH - TUXEDO PARK, NY

Filled 0/24/2017

MUSIC DIRECTOR-MINISTER OF MUSIC-(Part-Time)
ST. JAMES AFRICAN EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH-BEACON, NY
8/8/2017

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - ELLENVILLE, NY
8/4/2017

MUSIC DIRECTOR/MINISTER OF MUSIC
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY
6/30/2017

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST - (Full-Time)
**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - SHRUB OAK,
NY**
6/30/2017

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
OLD DUTCH CHURCH - KINGSTON, NY
6/23/2017

MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - POUGHKEEPSIE,
NY**
5/19/2017

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE - VOOREESVILLE, NY
Renewed 7/2/2017

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY
2/2/2017

Calendar of Events

Please note: Due to space considerations, this Calendar of Events may exclude the following:

- Events taking place outside the area served by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter
- Events which conflict directly with chapter sponsored events

Events listed in the calendar are not necessarily endorsed by CHVAGO.

Please contact the editor if you have an event to be publicized.

*Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events. Names listed in **bold face** are chapter members.*

Saturday, October 7, 2017 7:30 PM	"Bach to Broadway" Organ Concert Back by popular demand! Come and be dazzled by a Duo Organ Concert featuring Nathan Avakian on the NYTOS Traveling Theatre Organ, and James Fitzwilliam on the Gress-Miles Pipe Organ. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Tickets at the door. Info: 845-452-8220.
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Sunday, October 8, 2017
3:00 PM

Cadet Chapel Organ Concert by Justan Foster
Justan Foster, currently organist at the Greenbush Reformed Church, has formerly served as Organist, Music Director, and Artist in Residence at a number of churches including Old Dutch Reformed Church in Kingston, First Reformed Church in Scotia, and Trinity United Methodist Church in Albany. Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, please check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the recital. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu.

Sunday, October 15, 2017
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by **Boyd Herforth**, celebrating the 500th anniversary of The Reformation
Program: *Toccata* by Schroeder; *Magnificat primi toni* by Buxtehude; *Sonata #4 (B flat major)* by Mendelssohn; and *Fantasy on "Ein feste Burg"* by J. S. Bach; plus a Lutheran Hymn tour of the church year, including several Hymn Preludes. St. John's Lutheran Church, 391 Mount Hope Road, Middletown, NY 10940. Donations to help with the purchase of a new piano. Info: 845-342-1963.

Sunday, October 15, 2017
3:00 PM

Cadet Chapel Organ Concert by Bruce and Reilly Xu
Twin brothers **Bruce and Reilly Xu** have been recent winners in several regional AGO competitions. Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, please check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the recital. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu.

- Sunday, October 15, 2017
3:00 PM
- Presentation of Accordion, Samplestra, and Video
 Accordionist Rocco Anthony Jerry will perform works with samplestra (pre-recorded elements) and video by Gene Pritsker and Conrad Kehn. He will also perform Yuji Takahashi's musical setting of Diane di Prima's poetry.
 Morton Memorial Library and Community House, 82 Kelly Street, Rhinecliff, NY. Free Admission. Info: 845-876-2903.
- Sunday, October 15, 2017
3:00 PM
- Newburgh Chamber Music Concert
 Newburgh Chamber Music will present a rare combined performance of The American String Quartet and The Aeolus String Quartet. The program will feature the Shostakovich *Quartet no. 7*, the Brahms *G Major Sextet*, and the Mendelssohn *Octet*. St. George's Church, 105 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY. St. George's is handicapped accessible with parking across the street. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.newburghchambermusic.org. Adults: \$25, Students \$5. The concert is followed by a reception with the artists. Info: 845-534-2864.
- Sunday, October 15, 2017
4:00 PM
- Music at Zion: Organ Concert by Eun Ha Chung
 Eun Ha Chung is the former Music Activity Director and Organist, Post Chapel, West Point, NY. Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY. Suggested donation: \$10.00. Info: Contact **Gregory Citarella** for more information at: 845-297-7693
- Saturday, October 21, 2017
5:00 PM
Concert: 6:30 PM
Dinner
- A Concert of Early American Music
 St. John's Recorder Ensemble and friends present a concert of period music and an expertly prepared authentic period dinner. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 161 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie. Click here for a printable flyer. Admission: Adults - \$20; Seniors - \$15; children 5-12 - \$8; children under 5 - Free. Reservations recommended. Info and reservations: 845-452-8440.
- Sunday, October 22, 2017
3:00 PM
- Cadet Chapel Organ Concert - Observing the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
 Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, please check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the recital. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu.
- Sunday, October 22, 2017
4:00 PM
- Music at Zion: Choral Evensong Celebrating 500 Years of the Reformation
 Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY. Free will offering. Info: Contact **Gregory Citarella** for more information at: 845-297-7693.

Sunday,
October 29,
2017
Panel
discussion at
3:00 PM
Concert at 4:30
PM

500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Panel Discussion & Concert
Join panelists Bishop Robert Alan Rimbo, Bishop of the Metropolitan
New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(ELCA) and Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ (Sisters of St. Joseph),
Distinguished Professor of Theology at Fordham University, with Rev.
Samuel Speers, Vassar's Director of Religious & Spiritual Life,
moderating a discussion on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
The Concert performance will include J.S. Bach's Reformation Cantata
Ein feste Burg, and "Reconciliation Cantata" a commissioned work by
James Fitzwilliam. Sponsored by the Vassar College Music
Department, the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life, Bruderhof
Communities, St. John's Evangelical Church, Central Hudson Valley
Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Cappella Festiva.
Vassar Chapel, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Open to the
community free of charge. Info: 845-437-5550.

Sunday, October
29, 2017
3:00 PM

Cadet Chapel Organ Concert by Katherine Meloan
Katherine Meloan is Chapel Organist and Director of the Kings Point
Glee Club and Mariner Chapel Choir, United States Merchant Marine
Academy, Kings Point, NY. Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West
Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts
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Sunday,
November 5,
2017
3:00 PM

Cadet Chapel Organ Concert by Marko Pranic
Marko Pranic is currently Associate Director of Music and Organist at St.
John of Rochester (Fairport, NY). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy,
West Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and
concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for
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Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, please
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Saturday,
November 11,
2017
3:00 PM

Visit to an Amazing Home Organ
Dale Ziegenfelder has realized his dream of having a working pipe organ in his home, and we are invited to visit! You can read about Dale's journey and see photos of his pipe dream come true in this article. **John Vanderlee** is coordinating the trip, and it's important to RSVP to him at jovanderlee@vassar.edu or at 914-475-0444 ahead of time if you are thinking of going so that car pools can be arranged. Dale Ziegenfelder's home is in Glenford, NY, 45 minutes from Poughkeepsie going North on Route 28 out of Kingston, a bit before Woodstock. The exact street address is 85 High Rocks Road, Glenford, NY. But if you go by a GPS use Woodstock. It should be a pleasant afternoon spent getting a tour and/or playing this amazing house organ!

Sunday,
November 12,
2017
3:00 PM

Cadet Chapel Organ Concert by Ryan Kennedy
Ryan Kennedy is a student at The Juilliard School. Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, please check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the recital. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu.

Sunday,
November 12,
2017
3:30 PM

Music at Zion: Piano Recital by Peter Muir
Peter Muir, Ph.D., is an internationally recognized pianist, educator, musicologist, and conductor. Parish Hall, Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY. Suggested Donation: \$10.00. Info: Contact **Gregory Citarella** for more information at: 845-297-7693.

Sunday,
November 19,
2017
3:00 PM

Cadet Chapel Concert by Craig Williams
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, please check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the recital. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu.

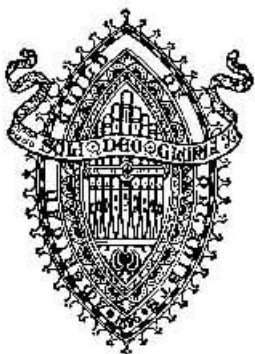
Thursday,
November 30,
2017
8:00 PM

Choral Ensemble Concert
The SUNY New Paltz Choral Ensembles present great oratorio choruses from Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *Creation*, and the Brahms *Requiem*. Julien J. Studley Theatre, School of Fine and Performing Arts, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz, NY. \$8 general admission, \$6 Senior (2+) and New Paltz faculty/staff, 43 student. Tickets available at the door beginning one hour prior to performance. Info: 845-257-2700

- Sunday,
December 3,
2017
3:30 PM
- Cadet Chapel Organ Concert - 59th Annual Handel's Messiah
Featuring the Cadet Choir, Combined Choirs and Orchestra. Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Free admission. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, please check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the recital. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu.
- Sunday,
December 17,
2017
4:00 PM
- Music at Zion: A Candlelight Service of Traditional Christmas Lessons & Carols
Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY. Free will offering. Info: Contact **Gregory Citarella** for more information at: 845-297-7693.
- Sunday, March
11, 2018
3:00 PM
- Concert by Cantus Vocal Ensemble
Cantus is acclaimed as "the premiere men's vocal ensemble in the United States" (Fanfare). First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Free admission. Handicapped accessible. Info: 518-374-4403.



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